



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Hans Eberle and Nils Gura

Title: RELIABLE MULTICAST USING MERGED ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Application No.: 09/659,106 Filed: September 11, 2000

Examiner: Joshua A. Kading Group Art Unit: 2661

Atty. Docket No.: 004-5041 Confirmation No.: 4516

---

February 18, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

FEB 25 2004

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION** Technology Center 2600

This paper is responsive to a Non-Final Office Action dated November 18, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire February 18, 2004. In light of the Amendments and/or Remarks herein, further examination is requested. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments** to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 9 of this paper.

02/24/2004 MAHMED1 00000066 09659106

01 FC:1201 258.00 OP  
02 FC:1202 90.00 OP